



# Campaign Newsletter

## St. Luke the Evangelist Church

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### A Message From Fr. Adam



I want to thank Fr. Larry Hoffmann for his leadership throughout the campaign. His dedication and effort has left me in a great place to continue to lead St. Luke into the future. Fr. Larry will be missed.

I also want to thank Ryan and Meg Schon for their leadership during our Growing Together, Building in Faith Campaign. Their enthusiasm and support of the campaign was very visible from the very beginning.

The campaign had many parts from prayer to including our children. None of this would have been possible without the dedication of our team leaders, their teams and our Campaign Steering Committee. We had over 90 parishioners involved in this effort and the campaign brought us closer together as a community.

We have \$2.5 million in pledges and we needed \$2.5 to construct our additions.

We continue to invite those in the parish who have not made a pledge, to support the campaign. I am hopeful that every household could do something, even if it is \$5 a week. With the additional commitments, we will better equip the new spaces with the furniture equipment for our students and parishioners.

Please take the time to review this newsletter. It has some very important updates about our campaign and building plans and includes other good news for the parish.

I want to thank Fr. Larry and the entire parish family for the smooth transition and for their support of me as pastor. I do not take your trust in me lightly.

Please know that my door (phone, email, text) is always there for you.

God Bless,

Fr. Adam Westphal  
Pastor

### *Saint Luke the Evangelist's Capital Campaign Prayer*

*Loving Father, help us thankfully remember the past, plan for the future, and build for today.*

*Jesus, walk with us, be our strength and guide, unite our sacrifices to yours.*

*Holy Spirit, grant us wisdom, generosity, and perseverance to build God's kingdom.*

*Blessed Mother, we place our hopes and petitions in your arms as you present them to your Son.*

*Saint Luke, patron saint of our parish family, pray for us. Amen.*

### A message from our Campaign Chairs

Leap of Faith. Our journey with this capital campaign started when Fr. Larry called and invited us to lead the campaign for St Luke's. We were flattered, nervous, unsure; but we accepted Father's trust and made that leap of faith to do what we could to make the campaign successful. Thank you, Fr Larry!

On a Mission from God. There's nothing quite as satisfying as pulling a team of diverse people together, drawing out each person's strengths and talents, and coming together to achieve a common goal. We might have been the face of the campaign, but we had amazing teams that were the calloused hands and aching feet that put in a huge amount of work that led to a successful campaign. Thank you, team!

Growing Together. St Luke's has seen seven years of amazing growth. In our infancy we built a church, school

and platform for ministry. We are worshipping, teaching, and caring. But growth also means we have new parishioners with new interests doing new activities. They're all great and build God's Kingdom. But this campaign was also a way to bring us all closer together to build our common We. Let's continue growing together!

Building in Faith. Ultimately, we ran this campaign to raise money to grow St Luke's capacity for more worshipping, more teaching, and more caring. We didn't reach our full dream goal, but we did raise \$2.4 million and counting. That's enough to start the design and building process and set up for the next future phase of growth. **Thank you for pledging and donating!**

God bless,  
Ryan & Meg Schon

## Where Do We Go From Here?

We have assembled a new building committee to oversee our church and school expansion and it includes parishioners;

Susan Battani, Tonya Eaton, Jim Shook, Jim Townsend, Fr. Adam, Douglas Jones, Ryan Schon, Dcn. Don Shannon and Gary Olson. St. Luke's is near signing a contract with an architectural firm out of Des Moines.



With the generous \$1 million donation for the school from the Lamberti's\* and a \$100,000 gift from the Kraus's\*, we have a total of \$2.5 million pledged. Before construction can begin, the diocese requires that all funds necessary for a project must be pledged and 50% collected.

The immediate plans are to construct the church extension, then the school extension as soon as we get enough money collected and the diocese gives its approval.

\* Designated for the school.

## Other Good News!

St. Luke's continues to progress and grow. Our added 6 pm Mass on Sundays are well attended. We are seeing a 50% increase in total weekend Mass attendance over last year. Our school population has increased by 30% and our RE program has seen a 20% increase over last year. In August, we had 21 families join the parish.



Typically, when a parish conducts a capital campaign, the parish's offertory becomes stagnant, however, people are keeping up and some are increasing their regular tithing while fulfilling their campaign pledges. Our new members are doing their part by contributing to the offertory. We are making plans to invite our newer members to make commitments to our capital campaign.

## Q&A

**When will we get information on how to make automatic bank payments to St. Luke's to fulfill our campaign commitments?** Information has been sent out to those who requested it. If you have not seen the information, please contact Douglas Jones in the office.

**Generally, how are the finances for the parish?** Our offertory continues to keep pace with our expenses and parishioners are fulfilling their commitments to the capital campaign. In the spring of 2019, we plan to start conducting an **Annual Stewardship Appeal**. This appeal is designed to move the parish as a whole and individual parishioners through a process of discerning God's gifts to us and how we are called to use these gifts to build God's Kingdom.

**How do I make my contributions?** Parishioners are encouraged to use the safe and convenient online paying options. Once you set up the payment plan, you never have to worry about it, even if you are not able to attend Mass at St. Luke's on a particular weekend. Go to the parish web site, [www.stluketheevangelist.org](http://www.stluketheevangelist.org) and click the "Online Giving" button and follow instructions. It is very easy to do. Parish envelopes will also be provided.

**Is the Capital Campaign money kept separate from the regular parish money?**

Yes, we have a separate bank account for Campaign funds and they will not be comingled with the general fund.

**What should I do if I can't fulfill my commitment?** If for any reason you need to change your level of

commitment, contact Douglas Jones in the parish office and let him know.

**What is the advantage of fulfilling my commitment to the campaign early?** The diocese requires half the money in cash before we can start a project. By fulfilling your commitment early, we may be able to start construction earlier.

**May I still give something other than cash?**

Donating appreciated stock or property is an optional way to give. Such things as real estate, mutual funds, bonds and personal property are a few more alternative ways to support our campaign. Another option is retirement funds and IRAs. You can possibly save paying capital gains and get a tax deduction. If you have questions about any of the alternative ways of giving to the parish, please contact Douglas Jones in the parish office and consult your financial advisor.



*Stewardship is a very concrete way to help the Kingdom of God come about.*

## A Note of Appreciation

A special note of appreciation to all those listed below for making a commitment to our Growing Together—Building in Faith Capital Campaign. Some members requested that their commitment remain anonymous and we are honoring their request. Commitment forms returned after this news

letter is mailed will see their names in upcoming bulletins. If we omitted your name from the list, please accept our apologies and contact the Douglas Jones in the office at 515-964-1278 so we can correct our error.

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**Thank You!**

### Our Campaign Consultant's Reflections

It was an honor for me to serve St. Luke's as your consultant. I enjoyed working with the leadership of the parish who gave their time willingly to ensure the success of the campaign. Fr. Larry, Fr. Adam, and our campaign co-chairs, Ryan and Meg Schon, were at times, running on fumes but always came through with what needed to be done. I was impressed with the number of volunteers and their level of commitment. From the 11 team leaders, Steering Committee and all the individual team members, each one of them are witnesses to the exceptional parish St. Luke's is.

St. Luke's had a challenging campaign. The parish was finishing a very successful first campaign to build the current structure and raised \$1.5 million with half the number of parish household. Plus, building a new parish is very exciting and building a new church is always the easiest to raise money for.

Even though St. Luke's doubled in size, second campaigns generally raise about 20% less than the first one. St. Luke's also chose to conduct a 3-year campaign and not a 5-year campaign like the first campaign, limiting the capacity of how much a campaign could raise.

As challenging as it was, St. Luke's rose to the occasion

by raising over \$1.4 million in commitments so far (excluding the gifts from the Lambertis and Kraus's). I had given the parish about a 25% of raising this amount.

As blessed as St. Luke's is, these blessings come with the responsibility to use them in the building of God's Kingdom. I am confident, with Fr. Adam's leadership, St. Luke's will continue to be a shining light on top of a hill (a very windy hill). Thank you for allowing me to be a small part of your parish journey to fulfill your call to be Christ in the world.



Peace,  
 Bill Cordaro

Stewardship helps to make  
 visible the Kingdom that is  
 already among us.